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SUBJ: DPC MEETING-FOLLOW-UP TO NATO MINISTERIAL

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SUMMARY: DPC ON JULY 12 POSTPONED DISCUSSION OF FOLLOW-ON ON BURDEN-SHARING (PARAS 9 AND 10 OF PO/73/96) TO GIVE US AUTHORITIES MORE TIME TO PREPARE DETAILED VIEWS; DPC WILL TAKE UP THIS MATTER AFTER US PERMREP NOTIFIED SECGEN OF US READINESS. ON BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENSE PLANNING AND CERTAIN CRITICAL AREAS OF FORCE IMPROVEMENTS, AFTER HEARING US VIEWS (RETEL), DPC ASKED FOR CIRCULATION OF THESE IN AMPLIFIED FORM FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION BY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES. PO WAS NOTED BY DPC AS GUIDANCE ON HANDLING OTHER POINTS (AD-70, GUIDANCE, INFRASTRUCTURE, MBFR, CNAD) END SUMMARY.

1. DPC, UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF DE STAERCKE (LUNS IN FRANCE MEETING WITH GALLEY AND PANSO ON LEAVE), DEALT WITH PO/73/96 FAIRLY RAPIDLY ON JULY 12, BY POSTPONING CONFIDENTIAL

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DISCUSSION OF BURDEN-SHARING AND AGREEING TO FURTHER DISCUSSION ON BASIC ISSUES OF NATO DEFENSE PLANNING AND CRITICAL AREAS OF FORCE IMPROVEMENT.

2. DE STAERCKE INTRODUCED SUBJECT BY ANNOUNCING THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT DELAY HAD BEEN REQUESTED IN DISCUSSION OF FOLLOW-UP ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A MULTI-LATERAL PROGRAM TO COMPENSATE THE US FOR THE STATIONING OF THEIR FORDCES IN EUROPE (PARAS 9 AND 10 OF PO). MCAULIFFE (ACTING US PERMREP) CONFIRMED THIS AND IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM PEKC (UK) STATED THAT HE HOPED THAT US VIEWS WOULD BE AVAILABLE WEEK OF 16 JULY. SPIERENBURG (NETH) COMMENTED THAT HE HAD BEEN SURPRISED BY FACT THAT PO HAD ASSUMED DPC WAS RIGHT FORUM SINCE HE THOUGHT FRANCE MIGHT PARTICIPATE. DE STAERCKE ANSWERED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT PART OF THE ADDITIONAL TIME NEEDED WAS TO WORKOUT THIS PROBLEM.

3. DE STAERCKE THEN TURNED TO OVERALL CONTENT OF PO, LESS BURDEN-SHARING. THERE WERE NO INITIAL COMMENTS EXCEPT US. MCAULIFFE, MAKING POINTS IN REFTEL, EMPHASIZED US DESIRE FOR A MORE SUBSTANTIVE, SPECIFIC AND VIGOROUS DEFINITION OF WORK PLANNING WHICH WOULD PROVIDE FOR TRANSLATION OF MINISTERIAL DECISIONS ON STUDY OF BASIC ISSUES AND CRITICAL AREAS OF FORCE IMPROVEMENT INTO ACTION.

4. DE STAERCKE SUGGESTED THAT US VIEWS BE AMPLIFIED AND CIRCULATED FOR SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION, PROPOSING EITHER EWG OR PERMREP DISCUSSION. MCAULIFFE URGED THAT THE AMPLIFIED US PAPER, WHEN AVAILABLE, BE TAKEN UP FIRST BY PERMREPS, AND THIS WAS AGREED.

5. PECK (UK) SUPPORTED US CONCEPT OF VIGOROUS FOLLOW-UP TO MINISTERIAL DECISIONS, BUT RESERVED ON DETAILS OF US PROPOSALS PENDING AMPLIFICATION OF US VIEWS.

6. USNATO COMMENTS WILL BE SENT IN SEPTTEL. MCAULIFFE

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